

PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION.

Wednesday, the 28th July 1937/13th Karkatakam 1112.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock, with the President, Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramā-swami Aiyar, K. C. I. E., in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN.

MR. C. V. Chandrasekaran (Special University Officer took the oath and signed the rolls).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Rates of wages of the Travancore labourers.

83. * MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the rates of wages now paid to the Travancore labourer in the following industries:—

- (i) Agricultural operations
- (ii) Motor repairs
- (iii) Road Maintenance
- (iv) Building construction
- (v) Tile factories
- (vi) Tea and Rubber factories
- (vii) Cotton Mills
- (viii) Sugar Mills
- (ix) Match Factories
- (x) Motor Transport
- (xi) Coir mats and matting manufacture

RAO BAHADR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A * statement is laid on the table.

* *Vide Appendix I Page 346.*

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MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANIKKAR: (*Mavelikara cum Kunnattur*). കററുപായ്, തട്ടക്ക മുതലായവ ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്ന ഫാക്ടറികളിൽ കൂലിക്കൊടുക്കുന്നതു ദിവസംതോറുമാണോ?

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: ദിവസക്കൂലിയും കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ മിക്കവാറും ജോലികൾ കൺട്രാക്ട് കൊടുക്കുകയാണ് ചെയ്യുന്നത്.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala cum Agastisvaram*): Is the honourable member entitled to answer supplementary questions?

PRESIDENT: No. The honourable member cannot answer as he is not a member of Government yet. The Chief Secretary will answer the question.

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATHA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: May I have the question repeated, Sir?

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANIKKAR: കൂലിക്കാക്കു ഒരുമാസത്തിൽ എല്ലാദിവസവും ജോലി ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കുമോ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATHA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി തീർച്ചപറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANIKKAR: ആലപ്പുഴ ടൗണിലുള്ള ഫാക്ടറികളിൽ കൂലിക്കാക്കു എല്ലാദിവസവും ജോലിയുണ്ടായിരിക്കുമോ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATHA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: അതിനെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള ശരിയായ വിവരം ഇല്ല.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANIKKAR: ഫാക്ടറിജോലിക്കാരുടെ കൂലിനിരക്കിൽ വല്ല വ്യത്യാസങ്ങളും ഉണ്ടോ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATHA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: കൂലിയിൽ വ്യത്യാസം ഉണ്ട്.

MR. KANNARA GOPALA PANIKKAR: അതെങ്ങനെയാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATHA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: അതു പല പ്രകാരത്തിലുണ്ടായിരിക്കും.

MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): ഈ രേററ് എവിടെനിന്നു കിട്ടി എന്നു പറയാമോ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATHA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: ഡിവിഷൻപേജ്യാർ അയച്ചുതന്നിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

(A member: Order, order.)

PRESIDENT: No other honourable member has got the right to call order, order. Honourable members may draw my attention to what is taking place.

MR. V. K. VELAYUDHAN (*Ampalapuzha cum Shertallai*): നാട്ടുകാരുടെ കമ്പനികളിൽ.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Does the honourable member hereafter propose to talk in Malayalam? He must make up his mind one way or the other?

MR. V. K. VELAYUDHAN: May I know whether the Government knows that the rates and wages obtaining in native-run factories are much less than those in factories run by Europeans?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I have not got the figures now. I claim notice.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether in the factories at Alleppey the wages are paid on piece basis?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Yes, on piece basis.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN: May I know from the member the average cost of living of a workman with a family of about five members?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I claim notice.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN: May I know whether the Government have prepared any cost of living index?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: No.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN: May I know whether Government consider it necessary to prepare a cost of living index for determination of wages?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: Government thought it necessary and made some enquiries. But the attempt had to be given up because there was no proper agency for the collections of such statistics.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): May I know from the member the rates and wages given in the cashew nut factories in Quilon?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I have not got that information, Sir.

MR. P. C. ADICHAN (*Nominated*): കൃഷിപ്പാടങ്ങളിൽ ജോലി ചെയ്യുന്നവർക്കു മുന്നേ ചക്രത്തിൽ കുറവായ കൂലിയേ ഉള്ളൂ എന്നു അറിയാമോ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATHA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: അറിയാൻ പാടില്ല.

Statement, by caste, of the officers in the Sirkar Vakils' Offices.

84. MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN (*Muvattupuzha cum Devisolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the officers in the Sirkar Vakils' offices, including the Sirkar Vakils?

Appendix I.

Vide Answer to Question No. 83.

Statement showing the rates of wages paid to the Travancore Labourer.

S. No.	Name of Industries.	Wages paid per day vary					
		From			To		
		Rs.	Chs.	C.	Rs.	Chs.	C.
1	Agricultural operations	0	3	8	0	14	0
2	Motor repairs	0	14	0	6	0	0
3	Road maintenance	0	7	0	1	8	0
4	Building construction	0	7	0	1	8	0
5	Tile factories	0	7	0	0	18	0
6	Tea and Rubber Factories	0	5	4	1	3	8
7	Cotton Mills	0	10	8	0	21	8
8	Sugar Mills	0	7	0	0	0	0
9	Match Factories	0	4	0	0	10	8
10	Motor Transport	0	10	8	3	0	0
11	Coir mats and matting manu- facture	0	1	8	1	23	8

Appendix II.

Vide Answer to Question No. 84.

Castewar statement of the officers in the Sirkar Vakil's Department.

Caste.	Number.
HINDU :	37
Brahmin	18
Nair	13
Kammala	Nil.
Nadar	Nil.
Ezhava	2
Cheramar	Nil.
Other Hindu	4
MUSLIMS	Nil.
CHRISTIANS :	4
Jacobite	1
Marthomite	2
Syriac Catholic	Nil.
Latin Catholic	1
SOUTH INDIAN UNITED CHURCH	Nil.
OTHER CHRISTIANS	Nil.